

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Frank Eidam  
FOR : **LOCKING RING**  
SERIAL NO. : 10/699,902  
FILED : November 3, 2003  
EXAMINER : James R Brittain  
ART UNIT : 3677  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. : BGEE 2 00025

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2008, Applicant amends this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.